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CHICAGO, ILL.

Tenement Houses—Frame Additions not Permitted within Fire Limits. (Ord. July 8, 1912.)

SEC. 452. *Frame additions to frame tenement houses within fire limits not permitted—Removal of frame tenement houses.*—No frame addition shall be permitted to any frame tenement house within the fire limits, either by adding to its height or its superficial area.

If a tenement house, standing on wooden supports, is moved to another lot, it shall not again be placed on wooden supports, but shall be placed on a masonry or concrete foundation.

If a frame tenement house, not more than two stories high, is moved from one location to another upon the same lot, it may be set upon wooden posts, and a basement or cellar not to exceed 6 feet 6 inches in height from the floor to the ceiling thereof may be maintained thereunder, and no habitable rooms shall be constructed or occupied in said basement or cellar.

Tenement Houses—Windows in. (Ord. July 8, 1912.)

SEC. 475. *Rooms—Change in existing.*—No room in any now existing tenement house shall hereafter be constructed, altered, converted, or occupied for living purposes, unless it contains a window having a superficial area not less than one-twelfth of the floor area of the room, which window shall open upon a street or alley or upon a yard or court having a superficial area of not less than 25 square feet and a minimum width of not less than 2 feet 6 inches, or unless such room adjoins another room in the same apartment, which other room shall have such a window opening upon such a street, alley, yard, or court, between which two adjoining rooms there shall be an alcove opening equal in extent to at least 20 per cent of the entire wall surface of said room: *Provided, however,* That all of the requirements of sections 439 and 440 of the Chicago Code of 1911 shall be complied with.

Where a frame tenement house is moved from one lot to another, or from one location to another on the same lot, it shall comply with the provisions of section 452 of this chapter.

Tenement Houses—Cellar or Basement Rooms. (Ord. July 8, 1912.)

SEC. 477. *Existing tenements—Living rooms in cellars or basements—When permitted.*—*(a)* In every existing tenement house, no room in an existing cellar or basement shall be occupied for living purposes unless such room shall be at least 7 feet 6 inches high in the clear and have not more than 4 feet 8 inches of such cellar or basement below the finished grade at building: *Provided,* That no such room shall be used for living purposes unless such room shall have a window opening upon a street, alley, yard, or court: *And provided,* That when the windows of any living room front solely upon a street and the floor of such basement is 4 feet 8 inches below the sidewalk grade, such windows shall be located not less than 3 feet back of the lot line: *Provided, however,* That in every case where the height of ceiling of any living room is less than 8 feet 6 inches in the clear the window area of such room shall be at least 15 per cent of the floor area.

(b) When a brick or frame tenement house is moved from one lot to another or from one location to another on the same lot, and a basement or story, or both, is constructed under the same, the total height of which is more than 6 feet 6 inches from the floor to the ceiling, the walls of such basement shall be constructed of masonry, according to the provisions of section 658 of the Chicago Code of 1911, and the habitable rooms therein shall comply with the provisions of section 475 of the Chicago Code of 1911, and the space on the lot shall comply with the provisions of section 430 and section 440 of the Chicago Code of 1911.